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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified, please find an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2007.

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the office action dated September 19, 2007, for which a response period expiring on December 19, 2007 was set. The extended period expires on January 22, 2008 (January 19, 2008 being a Saturday and Monday, January 21, 2008 being a federal holiday).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$120.00 extension fee and any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) required to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of September 19, 2007, kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.